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### DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the communication filed on 6/21/06.
2. Claims 20, 22 and 26 are pending in this action.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 20, 22 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Arneson et al. (Arneson) (US 2001/0056473 A1).

**As per claim 20:** Arneson discloses a method for providing information to users via communications devices associated with said users (see title; abstract), the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a digits request trigger/indicator from a communication device (see fig.2; paragraph 0015), wherein the digits request trigger is a signaling message that is associated with a call set-up process (see paragraph 0015), the digits request trigger comprising dialed digits or feature code (see paragraphs 0015 and 0026-0027),

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whereby a communications network attempts to establish a call connection between a user that initiates the digits request trigger and a called number associated with said dialed digits or feature code (see paragraphs 0015, 00025-0027);

identifying a user associated with said dialed digits request trigger (see paragraph 0016);

correlating said digits request trigger with specific information requests for said user (see paragraphs 0015, 0017, 0025); and

retrieving said specific information (see fig.2, element 206; paragraphs 0015, 0027);

sending said retrieved information to said communication device for display to said user (see fig. 2; paragraphs 0030-0031, 0037).

**As per claim 22:** the claim is directed to a means to perform the steps of method claim 20. Since the steps of receiving a digits request trigger associated with a user; identifying a user associated with said digits request trigger; correlating said digits request trigger with specific information; retrieving said specific information and sending said retrieved information to said communication device are disclosed, as set out in the rejection of claim 20 above, the means to perform these steps must be inherent to the prior art information retrieval system and method. Hence, claim 22 is rejected on the same ground as claim 20.

**As per claim 26:** the features of claim 26 are similar to the features of claim 20, except claim 26 is directed to a system to carry out the steps of method claim 20 and includes an additional feature reciting "a wireless web information services gateway coupled to

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said wireless network, which is also disclosed by Arneson (see paragraph 0035).

Hence, claim 26 is rejected on the same ground as claim 20, since the system of claim 26 is required/expected to performing the steps of method claim 20.

### **REMARKS**

Examiner is mindful of the previous Office Action, a rejection, solely based on the ground of double patenting to which applicant has responded by filing a terminal disclaimer. A search update produced a new prior art which examiner found relevant to the claims, hence provide a new ground of rejection based on a newly discovered prior art. Examiner apologizes if this may have caused any inconvenient to applicant.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Meless N. Zewdu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7873. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm..

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